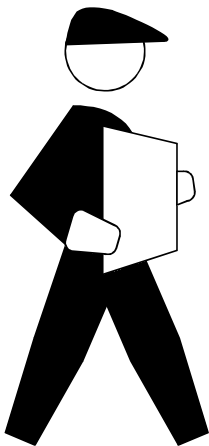


Recovery — Disaster Application Center



The Disaster Application Center (DAC) is established by FEMA in partnership with state and local emergency management offices. Representatives from federal, state, local and volunteer agencies are there to explain the assistance available and to get you the help you need. You don't walk out of the DAC with a check, but you can find out what help is available and apply for assistance.

Your first stop will be at a registrar who will talk with you and assess your needs. Together, you will fill out an application for assistance. Be prepared to provide information about yourself, the damaged property and your financial situation.

After discussing your needs, the registrar will indicate which agencies will be able to assist you. Representatives will be there to answer your questions and make arrangements for assistance.

When leaving the DAC, an exit interviewer will make sure that you have spoken to everyone who can help you. FEMA will then verify the information you provided at the DAC. If you applied for financial assistance and you qualify, FEMA will send a check to the address on your application where you will be receiving mail.

Whenever possible, be prepared to provide:

- Name and social security number
- Telephone numbers where you can be reached
- Names and ages of those living in the home during the disaster
- Insurance papers including proof of loss forms
- A summary of damage and a rough idea of costs for repairs and replacement
- Income information
- List of people you owe money to (mortgage, car loan)
- Total amount of living expenses

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If you do not have the above information when you apply, you may supply it later.